

# SAN PEDRO RIVER

## ARIZONA



*Bureau of Land Management*

**Project Name:** San Pedro Watershed

**Project Type:**

- Acquisition/Easement/Protection
- Education (Hands on the Land)
- Large Landscapes
- Recreation (San Pedro Trail System)
- Restoration (Riparian and Upland)
- Youth (Internship Program and Conservation Corps)

**Project Description:** The San Pedro is one of the most significant perennial desert river reaches in the American Southwest and is one of the few remaining free-flowing rivers in the Southwest United States. The River and its watershed provide habitat for over 400 migratory and resident bird species, as well as designated critical habitat for southwestern willow flycatcher and Huachuca water umbel. Private-public collaborations are focusing on preserving habitat while meeting private-sector considerations including performing Endangers Species Act mitigation. This project

will expand long-term watershed partnerships for conservation and restoration of unique riparian areas by establishing the Lower San Pedro Collaborative Conservation Initiative.

**Lead Federal Agencies:**

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Agricultural Research Service
- Department of Defense
- Department of the Army
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Geological Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Department of Homeland Security

**Non-Federal Partners:**

- Friends of the San Pedro River
- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- The Nature Conservancy
- City of Sierra Vista
- Upper San Pedro Partnership
- Pima County
- Cochise County
- University of Arizona

**Outcomes for 2012:**

- Complete riparian assessment by the National Riparian Service Team
- Complete preparation plan for San Pedro Resource Management Plan
- Implement Tamarisk and other invasive species control along San Pedro River riparian area
- Recover native fish in Aravaipa Creek, a major tributary to the San Pedro River
- Collaborate with the Department of Defense on easements for the Babocomari River
- Collaborate with Friends of the San Pedro River to provide education programs